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Noted Authors Coming to Carter Presidential Library in March

Visitors will hear authors of thrillers to the writings of Thomas Jefferson

Atlanta, GA.- A host of best-selling authors are coming to the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum for free readings and book-signings in March. The readings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public at no charge.

Friday, March 3rdEric Peterson (*Light & Liberty: Reflections on the Pursuit of Happiness*)
Tuesday, March 7thRobert Crais (*The Two Minute Rule*)
Friday, March 10thScott Walker (*Hell's Broke Loose in Georgia*)
Tuesday, March 14th ...Walter Mondale (A Conversation with the Former Vice President)
Wednesday, March 15th ...Jeni Stepanek (*Just Peace*)
Friday, March 31stCynthia Shearer (*The Celestial Jukebox*)

On Friday, March 3rd, Eric Peterson presents an illuminating portrait of Thomas Jefferson in *Life and Liberty: Reflections on the Pursuit of Happiness*. Peterson has culled the entirety of Thomas Jefferson's published works to fashion thirty-four original essays on themes ranging from patriotism and liberty to hope, humility, and gratitude. The result is a distillation of the wisdom of one of America's greatest political thinkers.

Best-selling thriller author Robert Crais comes to the Carter Library on Tuesday, March 7th. His new novel, *The Two Minute Rule* is a story of justice, love and the sins of a father and son. Literary Journal says "Crais creates a totally believable world in which good and evil are turned upside down."

Scott Walker presents a new kind of military history that reveals soldiers' inner struggle and longings in his book *Hell's Broke Loose in Georgia: Survival in a Civil War Regiment*. Walker draws from memoirs and unpublished letters and diaries to describe the life of soldiers as they push into Kentucky and starve at the siege of Vicksburg. Walker depicts the soldiers as people with all of the feelings they possess.

Former Vice President Walter Mondale will talk about his distinguished public career in a special conversation at the Carter Center on Tuesday, March 14th. It will be a unique opportunity for visitors to ask questions of the former Vice President. There is limited seating and the public is encouraged to arrive early. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The following day, Jeni Stepanek will talk about her son, child-poet and author Mattie Stepanek. Mattie gained worldwide attention and the friendship of President Jimmy Carter with his poetry of hope and peace. Mattie died of Muscular Dystrophy in 2004. His final book of poetry, *Just Peace*, has just been published.

Wrapping up the March author series is Cynthia Shearer, author of *Celestial Jukebox*, a novel that Literary Journal calls "perceptive and elegantly written". Shearer spent some time as curator of William Faulkner's home in Oxford and may be channeling some Deep South quirkiness in her updated view of small-town life in the shadow of development pressures and gambling casinos. Shearer will read from her book on Friday, March 31st.

All Carter Library author lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. They are open to the public at no charge. For more information, visit www.carterlibrary.gov or call 404-865-7101.